

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 86

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Emma Ruth Woolsey of the Pine Grove Community.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Emma Ruth Woolsey of the Pine Grove Community; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Woolsey was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, the daughter of Nannie Brown Marion Doty and Hacker Douglas Doty, Emma Woolsey was a homemaker and the co-owner of Woolsey's Overlook Farms; and

WHEREAS, a longtime civic leader, Mrs. Woolsey took an active leadership role in a wide variety of community and civic organizations and projects; and

WHEREAS, Emma Woolsey served with acumen and alacrity as both a member and chairman of the County Committee of the Farmers Home Administration of Greene County and as a member of the Green County Chamber of Commerce Agricultural Committee; and

WHEREAS, she was also a past president of the Greene County Council of Home Demonstration Clubs (HDC) and had held various offices in the Meadow View HDC; Mrs. Woolsey was a former president of Meadow View PTA and a former president and life member of West Pines and North Greene PTA; and

WHEREAS, in addition, this exemplary community leader worked with the United Way in northern Greene County and had served as both the chairman and the secretary of the Greeneville/Greene County Library Board; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Woolsey also devoted her considerable talents to such organizations as the Greene County Heritage Trust, the Community Concerts Association, and Farm Bureau Women; and

WHEREAS, active for many years in the Republican Party, she had served as co-chair of the Greene County Republican Women's Club and was the Republican Women's captain in the 17th Civil District; and

WHEREAS, Emma Woolsey was an avid sports fan, especially of those sporting events in which her husband, children, and grandchildren participated, and she was named Greenville High School Basketball Fan of the Year for 2003-2004; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Woolsey enjoyed dancing and was an enthusiastic member of the West Pines Crosstrailers and the Greenville Promenade Square Dance Clubs; and

WHEREAS, a devoted member of New Lebanon Missionary Baptist Church, where she had been a lay leader, Emma Woolsey had also served as president of New Lebanon WMU and was a teacher of Sunday School classes; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Woolsey was also deeply devoted to her family, and she always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Emma Woolsey enjoyed the loving companionship of her husband of 67 years, J.B. Woolsey, and is survived by a loving family, including daughter, Barbara, and son-in-law, R.T. Southerland; two sons and daughters-in-law: Doug and Jeannie Woolsey and Roger and Linda Woolsey; five grandchildren and their spouses, Renee and Jamie Skeen, Brad and Melissa Woolsey, Justin and Helen Woolsey, Brent Woolsey, and Kara Woolsey; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Woolsey is further survived by a great-grandson, J.D. Woolsey; step grandchildren and their spouses, Robin and Dwayne Sauls; Christy and Jeff Lewis; and Jodi Southerland; step great-grandchildren Trey Sauls, Haley Sauls, Elijah Sauls, and Ben Southerland; sister-in-law, Marguerite Harmon; brother-in-law, J.V. Carter; three special nieces, Patsy Ryans, Betty McNeese, and Carole Miller; and two special nephews, Jimmy Carter and Bobby Harmon; and

WHEREAS, Emma Woolsey leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional civic leader and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the memory of Emma Ruth Woolsey, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mrs. Woolsey.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.